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Honorable Donna Shalala
Secretary of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Shalala,

As a small Business owner and hearing health care provider, I write with respect to hearing aids.

I am very concerned with the reports that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has reportedly sent to you a proposal for revising the current regulations governing the dispensing of hearing aids in this country that would dramatically increase the cost of hearing health care services and restrict access to hearing health care providers. Please stop and carefully consider the impact that this proposed rule will have on the nations senior population and on the nations small business hearing instrument specialist's. In particular please ensure that any proposed rule meets the obligation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.

Hearing impairment is a major health care concern. Please don't let the FDA put forth their proposed rule that would impede access to needed hearing health care services for millions of **Senior citizens.**

Sincerely yours,

Kirk J. Carnahan, BC-HIS

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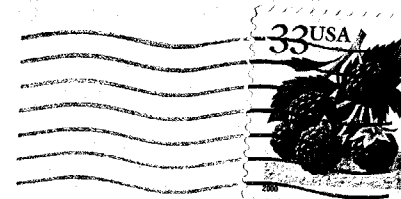
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